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LPT		LPT
Jorhat, Sonari		Bokaghat
Goalpara, Bongaingaon		Silchar (DD-II)
Golaghat, Haflong		Dibrugarh (DDIII)
North Lakhimpur, Tinsukhia		
Lumding, Hatsinghmari		
Margheritta, Hojai		
Dhubri, Diphu		
Kokrajhar, Nagaon		
Nazira, Tezpur,		
Guwahati (DD-II)		
VLPT		
Digboi		
TRANSPOSER		
Guwahati		2nd Transposer at Guwahati
Legend :	LRS - Local Radio Station	
	NRS - New Radio Station	
	RC - Relay Centre	
	CRS - Community Radio Station	
	HPT - High Power Transmitter	
	LPT - Low Power Transmitter	
	VLPT - Very Low Power Transmitter.	

[Translation]

Post Offices in Village Panchayat

2570. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of village panchayats in which Post Office facility is available in Bihar;

(b) the time limit fixed for providing such facilities to every village panchayat;

(c) the number of such village panchayat post offices where telegram facility is available;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide telegram facility in every village panchayat Post Offices of the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof district-wise;

(f) whether the Government propose to provide speed post service in the main cities of the State; and

(g) if so, the details thereof district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are 8254 village Panchayats in which Post Office facility is available in Bihar.

(b) There is no specific Plan to provide Post Office in each Village Panchayat. Post Offices are opened

progressively under Annual Plan Schemes subject to fulfilment of norms and availability of resources.

(c) There are 3394 Village Panchayat Post Offices where telegram facility is available.

(d) No, Sir. There is no policy of the Department to provide telegraph facility in every village panchayat Post Office of the State, as it is provided on the basis of demand and justification of volume of traffic.

(e) In view of above, not applicable.

(f) The main cities of Bihar already covered under National Speed Post Network are Patna, Ranchi, Jemshedpur and Dhanbad, Purnea, Katihar, Muzaffarpur, Munger, Begusarai, Darbhanga, Siwan, Motihari, Betiah, Giridih, Ara, Bhagalpur, Gaya & Bokaro Steel City are cities/Towns which are served under point-to-point Speed Post Network.

(g) Does not arise in view of (f) above.

[English]

Contract for Export of Rice

2571. SHRI JAGAT VIKR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact the Centre's nominee in the Board of Directors of the Food Corporation of India had complained about awarding of contract for export of rice without inviting tenders in 1995;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) FCI does not award contracts for export of rice. FCI conducts open sale of rice and wheat for domestic use and for export purposes as per authorization by Government from time to time. One of the Directors in the Board of Directors of the FCI had objected to sale for export of rice without inviting tenders.

(b) to (d). The Government had authorised the FCI to export/sell for the purposes of export fine and superfine rice from the Public stocks upto 30 lakh tonnes during 1995-96 subject to the conditions that the export prices fixed should not be less than the domestic prices of fine and superfine rice sold from the public stocks in the open market and export sale prices and other related matters should be decided by the High Level committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Chairman, FCI. As the fine and Superfine rice was sold as per the decisions of the HLC/Government, the invitation of tenders for export sale of rice was not considered necessary by the FCI.

[Translation]

Schemes for expansion of Education

2572. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that schemes are implemented the propagation and expansion of education among Scheduled and Scheduled Tribe children in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes introduced by the Government during the last year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government have been making allocations to meet the annual expenditure likely to be incurred on implementation of such schemes;

(d) if so, the scheme-wise amount allocated for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 separately;

(e) whether the allocated amount has not been utilised properly; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : Yes, Sir.

(b) No scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Welfare during 1995-96 for the propagation and expansion of education amongst SCs/STs.

(c) and (d). The scheme-wise allocation and expenditure of the schemes being undertaken by the Ministry of Welfare for propagation and expansion of education amongst SCs/STs is given in the attached statement.

(e) and (f). The amount allocated has been properly utilised except in a few schemes namely Coaching & Allied Scheme, Book Bank for SCs & STs and Upgradation of Merit for SCs & STs because of non-receipt of complete proposals from some of the State Govt. and non-provision of matching share by the States.

The State Governments have been requested to send the proposals complete in all respects in time and also allocated matching share in their State budgets for these Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Name of Scheme	(Rs. in Crores)		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Post-Matric Scholarship for SC/ST students.	72.40	96.35	145.00
2.	Pre-Matric Scholarships for children of those parents who are engaged in unclean occupations.	14.00	10.00	7.50
3.	Book Banks for SC/ST students	5.60	3.50	3.60
4.	Girls Hostels for SC	6.00	6.20	7.00
5.	Boys Hostels for SC	6.00	6.20	10.00
6.	Coaching & Allied Scheme for SC/ST.	2.00	2.00	3.00
7.	Upgradation of Merit for SC/ST.	0.55	1.00	1.00
8.	Girls Hostels for ST	3.00	3.05	3.50
9.	Boys Hostels for ST	3.00	3.05	3.50
10.	Ashram School in TST Areas	2.50	2.50	3.00
11.	Educational Complex in low literacy pockets for the development of ST Girls literacy in Tribal Areas.	1.25	1.85	2.00

Guest Houses in Delhi

2573. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Guest Houses set up for tourists in Delhi as on date; and

(b) whether the number of these guest houses is sufficient for tourists visiting Delhi; and